

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

March 31, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chairman Harlan Stern and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Harlan Stern, Joe Kinnie and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Lock, to approve an operating license for the East Phillips County Hospital District for an ambulance service license to run from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Motion carried. The commissioners discussed backup service for the two county ambulance services. They would encourage using in-county services as the first option for backup.

Holyoke Chamber representatives Mary Tomky (Director), Tiffany Watson, and Lila Einspahr met with the board to discuss the governor's office request that Holyoke be a host city for "Pedal the Plains" September 18-20, 2015. The event would go through Julesburg, have an overnight stay in Holyoke, and end up in Sterling. They asked if the county would support hosting the event. The board took the request under advisement.

The county received notice from Olga Sullivan of Sully Team Realty LLC that they plan to vacate their office at 127 E Denver St, effective May 1, 2015. The board asked Schafer to research current rental rates in Holyoke and advertise the space.

The board reviewed a 2015 Service Agreement with Centennial Mental Health. A motion was made by Lock, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

The board met with Human Services Director Jackie Reynolds for regular monthly business. The minutes for this portion of the meeting are maintained by the Department of Human Services.

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to discuss spring clean-up for the towns.

Fair Board member Ron Thompson met with the board to discuss the Junior Livestock committee.

The board reviewed a bid of \$2,216.08 from Precision Plumbing for plumbing repairs at the Event Center. Lock recused himself from consideration of the issue. A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Stern, to approve the bid. The roll call vote was Kinnie – aye, Stern – aye, Lock – abstain. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposed remodeling and upgrade of the Resource Center kitchen area. The upgrade would include new carpeting, new vinyl, repainting, replacing two (2) toilets, and installing a stove. A motion by Stern, seconded by Kinnie, to approve proceeding with the project. Motion carried. The approximate cost is \$3,900.

The board met with Weed & Pest Manager Kerri Doleshall. He discussed the state grant and how he hoped to use it. The injector system he would like to purchase is a Raven system for \$24,172. He proposed purchasing five (5) MapIt Fast spray loggers at \$3,000 each. The balance would be used for the MapIt Fast software and for part-time summer help.

The board met with Jim Hendrix regarding use of alcohol at a wedding reception on July 11<sup>th</sup>. No special event license will be required. The board approved the use as long as the liquor liability insurance and additional deposit are provided.

The board met with Ana Morales regarding use of alcohol at a wedding reception on June 5<sup>th</sup>. No special event license will be required. The board approved the use as long as the liquor liability insurance and additional deposit are provided.

Trisha Herman, Phillips County Family Education Services Director, Stephanie Edwards from the Early Childhood Council-Logan, Phillips and Sedgwick (ECCLPS), and Michelle Sharpe Interim Director ECCLPS met with the commissioners. They invited them of a public meeting on the need for a child care facility in Holyoke.

The board reviewed a request from the Department of Energy (DOE) to terminate the Community Renewable Energy Deployment grant to the county. DOE feels that Trishe or any subsequent buyer of the NeCo Wind project will not be able to meet the spending deadlines for ARRA funds. A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Lock, to agree to termination. Motion carried.

Communication Center Director Kenny Gaskill forwarded a contract for interpretation services from Voiance. The standard rate would be \$.75 per minute. A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Lock, to approve the contract. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lock, seconded by Kinnie, to adopt a resolution concerning Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Services. Motion carried. A copy is attached.

A motion was made by Lock, seconded by Stern, to authorize the chair to sign the Weed grant from the state after it has been fully reviewed. Motion carried.

The board further discussed the "Pedal the Plains" event and agreed to support it but are encouraging the Holyoke Chamber to include all Phillips County communities as much as possible.

The board held its monthly meeting with representatives from the local newspapers.

The board reviewed the monthly cash flow report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm, allowing the board to attend an Industrial Park Committee meeting held in the Event Center.

Submitted by Randy Schafer  
Phillips County Administrator

  
Harlan Stern

  
Donald J. Lock

  
K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:

  
Beth Zilla, County Clerk